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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to mobilise investments in the health care systems of the Member States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

[Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative] (2020/0043 (COD))

Outcome of the written procedure initiated by CM 1948/20:

- Adoption of the legislative act
- Derogation from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the EU

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Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 1948/20 of Friday, 27 March 2020, was completed on Monday, 30 March 2020, and that:

1. All delegations voted in favour of, except for Belgium that abstained, the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to mobilise investments in the health care systems of the Member States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak [Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative], as set out in document PE-CONS 5/20.

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the above Regulation is adopted.

The statements by Spain, Greece and the Commission are reproduced in the Annex to this CM.

The above statements will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statements to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

2. All delegations voted in favour of the derogation, on the basis of Article 3(3) of the Council Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the EU.

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the above derogation is agreed.

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**Statement by Spain**

Spain looks forward to the presentation by the European Commission of a new proposal on flexibility.

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**Statement by Greece**

We insist that the Commission must propose further amendments for all Regulations granting the necessary ability to Member States to use ESI funds as an effective and forceful response to the COVID-19 crisis by allowing, among other, transfers of money between all the Funds and between categories of regions, higher co-financing rates, more flexibility in thematic concentration requirements, allow eligibility also for completed operations that are implemented specifically for covid crisis, allow support irrespective of the size of the enterprise and provide for an extension of eligibility period for one more year.

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**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission will do all that is necessary to mitigate the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. Specifically, as the situation evolves, the Commission will examine carefully any additional needs identified by Member States, including with regard to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and related fund-specific regulations.

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